

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION)	CASE NO. 1:17-MD-2804
OPIATE LITIGATION)	
)	JUDGE POLSTER
)	
)	<u>ORDER</u>

In its *Appointment Order*, the Court directed the parties to compensate the Special Masters, “with defendants bearing 50% of this cost and plaintiffs bearing 50% of this cost;” and further, that “[t]he parties shall . . . remit to the Special Masters their proportionate share of any Court-approved amount, within 20 calendar days of Court approval.” Order at 5-6 (docket no. 69).

Since that time, however, Defendants have not made timely nor complete payments, and have sent numerous partial-payment checks. The Court now directs Defendants to remedy this situation. Specifically, in response to each invoice, Defendants shall hereafter timely provide each Special Master with a single check for the full amounts owed. The Court assumes that, to effectuate this directive, Defendants will find it necessary to: (1) create a single account for the purpose, into which each Defendant shall periodically deposit amounts certain; and (2) come to agreement regarding each Defendant’s share. If Defendants cannot agree on a method and their appropriate shares on or before April 30, 2018, they shall notify the Court and the Court will settle the matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Dan Aaron Polster
DAN AARON POLSTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: April 10, 2018